

REMARKS

Applicant is submitting this Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include headings. In addition, the claims as examined in the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) are amended to conform to U.S. practice, to decrease the total number of claims and to remove multiple dependent claims. Claims 1-16 are amended and Claims 17-38 are canceled. These amendments conform the application and claims to the substitute specification and claims filed with the U.S. PTO (see Item 15 of Applicant's Transmittal Letter to United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371).

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application. Applicant respectfully requests this amendment be entered prior to the determination of fees due.

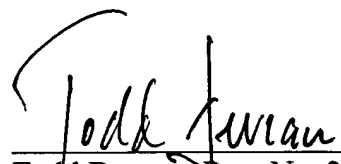
Favorable action in regard to the application is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 20-0778 for any insufficiencies and credit any overpayments thereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

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